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Two Adjacent Components

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please  
amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Kindly replace the following paragraph of the specification:*